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Notice of meeting / Hysbysiad o gyfarfod:

Severnside Area Forum

Thursday, 8th January, 2026 at 5.00 pm
Caldicot Town Council, Council Office, Sandy Lane, Caldicot, NP26 4NA

AGENDA

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence. | 1 - 2 |
| 2. | Declarations of Interest. | |
| 3. | To meet the Police and Crime Commissioner and a representative of the Chief Constable (Questions have been submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable in advance prepared by the Severnside Area Forum - questions attached). | |
| 4. | Verbal update regarding Active Travel (Madeleine Boase). | |
| 5. | Verbal update regarding the following transport matters (Christian Schmidt): | |
| 5.1. | To seek a stopping place for the No. 75 bus at Rock Cottages at the end of Sandy Lane /Church Road, Caerwent. | |
| 5.2. | To consider concerns about the No. 75 service for pupils to Caldicot School from Caerwent. | |
| 5.3. | Questions about safeguarding pupils using the X74 service. | |
| 5.4. | Update on the Installation of a promised bus shelter at the Haywain. | |
| 6. | Items for Future Discussion. | |
| 7. | Date of Next Meeting. | |

Paul Matthews
Chief Executive / Prif Weithredwr

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Nodau a Gwerthoedd Cyngor Sir Fynwy

Cymunedau Cynaliadwy a Chryf

Canlyniadau y gweithiwn i'w cyflawni

Neb yn cael ei adael ar ôl

- Gall pobl hŷn fyw bywyd da
- Pobl â mynediad i dai addas a fforddiadwy
- Pobl â mynediad a symudedd da

Pobl yn hyderus, galluog ac yn cymryd rhan

- Camddefnyddio alcohol a chyffuriau ddim yn effeithio ar fywydau pobl
- Teuluoedd yn cael eu cefnogi
- Pobl yn teimlo'n ddiogel

Ein sir yn ffynnu

- Busnes a menter
- Pobl â mynediad i ddysgu ymarferol a hyblyg
- Pobl yn diogelu ac yn cyfoethogi'r amgylchedd

Ein blaenoriaethau

- Ysgolion
- Diogelu pobl agored i niwed
- Cefnogi busnes a chreu swyddi
- Cynnal gwasanaethau sy'n hygyrch yn lleol

Ein gwerthoedd

- **Bod yn agored:** anelwn fod yn agored ac onest i ddatblygu perthnasoedd ymddiriedus
- **Tegwch:** anelwn ddarparu dewis teg, cyfleoedd a phrofiadau a dod yn sefydliad a adeiladwyd ar barch un at y llall.
- **Hyblygrwydd:** anelwn fod yn hyblyg yn ein syniadau a'n gweithredoedd i ddod yn sefydliad effeithlon ac effeithiol.
- **Gwaith tîm:** anelwn gydweithio i rannu ein llwyddiannau a'n methiannau drwy adeiladu ar ein cryfderau a chefnogi ein gilydd i gyflawni ein nodau.

SEVERNSIDE AREA FORUM

QUESTIONS FOR POLICE

1. It is widely recognised that Operation Lumley was successful in significantly reducing the level of serious anti-social behaviour in Caldicot town centre. There are fears, however, that now resources have been switched to other areas, the problems may re-emerge. What strategy does Gwent Police have for preventing this?

2. What is the policy of Gwent Police in relation to School Liaison Officers?

3. What strategy does Gwent Police have for reducing the level of drug related crime (possession, dealing etc) in Severnside?

4. It is recognised that incidents that are regarded as requiring urgent action will receive a rapid high alert/blue light response. Some other incidents do not necessarily need to be dealt with on the same day. What strategy, however, does Gwent Police have from ensuring that 'intermediate' incidents are dealt with promptly?

5. Councillors have found that work they do building good relations with local police officers is lost because of the frequent movement of officers to new posts and locations. What can be done to improve continuity?

6. There has been some controversy lately about supposed 'hate crimes' on social media leading to the recording of 'non-crime hate incidents' or event crimes being recorded by police, sometimes without the alleged perpetrator being informed. It is argued that this has led to vexatious complaints and unnecessary restrictions on freedom of speech. What is the policy (and practice) of Gwent Police in dealing with such issues?

7. Councillors often hear from residents who feel frustrated at the lack of police enforcement of traffic offences, (e.g. speeding, parking) and the outsourcing of these matters. (e.g. re MCC GoSAfe Cymru).

These lead to a lack of confidence in the police. Does Gwent Police have a policy on when it should /shouldn't intervene in these sorts of offences?

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